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SPRING SONG.

What makes you sing so gladly?
What makes you sing so merrily?
Because the Spring is coming,
Because the Spring is near;
When sweetest flowers are blowing,
And merry brooks are flowing,
And every bird is going
To meet the love that's dear!

It's all because it's Springtime,
It's all because it's Springtime,
Merry, merry Springtime,
Merry, merry Spring!

What makes you laugh so lightly?
What makes you smile so brightly?
Because the Spring is coming,
Because the Spring is here!
Helio, the birds are wooing,
The snow-doves are cooing,
And rosy lads are wooing,
The hearts that are so dear!

It's all because it's Springtime,
It's all because it's Springtime,
Merry, merry Springtime,
Merry, merry Spring!

—From "The Chords of Life,"
by Charles H. Crandall.

A memorial window to Jane
Austen is to be placed in Win-
chester Cathedral.

It is said that Sienkiewicz had
made over one-half a million dollars
by his pen before the appearance of
"Quo vadis." His fortune must
have been considerably augmented
by the sales of this book—easily
the most successful one of the past
year.

"Elements of Literary Criticism"
by Charles F. Johnson is a work
likely to please those who are inter-
ested in the study and the apprecia-
tion of good literature. The Pub-
lisher's Weekly says of it:

"The author's design is to bring a
wide subject into a convenient com-
pass, and to treat it with method
but without mechanical dryness. The
book is intended to be sugges-
tive rather than exact; to en-
courage individual study instead of
formulating a code of criticism. There
are eight chapters, namely: Gen-
eral introduction; Unity; The
power of drawing character; The
writer's philosophy; The musical
word-power; The phrasal power;
The descriptive power; The emo-
tional power."

Ships that pass in the night,
And speak to each other in passing;
Only a signal shown and a distant voice in
the darkness;
So on the ocean of life, we pass and speak
only to another,
Only a look and a voice, then darkness again
and a silence.

—Longfellow.

Mr. George Meredith has recently
celebrated his seventieth birthday
and has been overwhelmed with
press notices and public eulogies,
not to mention a congratulatory let-
ter signed by some thirty of his
literary confreres. Mr. John Ruskin
has just reached his eightieth
birthday and beyond a couple of
lines in a few provincial papers the
event has passed unnoticed. Herein
is food for reflection.—Book News.

Mark Twain's success, says the
London Academy, in carrying out
the great project to which he dedi-
cated himself on the failure of his
business will be matter for satisfac-
tion to all his very numerous friends.
He has worked hard to amass the
necessary funds and has done so
single handed, and we are proud to
congratulate him on a noble achieve-
ment.

It will be remembered that
early last year, when sick at heart
and in poor health, Mark Twain ac-
cepted the offer of a public sub-

scription which was made by a
New York paper. But in course of
a few days that acceptance was re-
voked, and he determined that not
from without, but from within,
should the debt be paid. Honor be
to him for such a decision. Mark
Twain has told us that his favorite
motto is: "Be good and you will be
lonesome." He must be very lone-
some now.

MISS FAITH'S ADVICE

Miss Faith sat in close com-
panionship, as usual, with her
familiar spirit, a piece of crocheted
edging. Her touch upon the mazes
of tangled thread was very gentle,
even endearing, and her look of
content as she held it up and noted
its effect as a whole seemed vastly
out of proportion to the cause.

Miss Faith was still pretty, with the
pathetic beauty held as flotsam
from the wreck of years. Her hair
was prettier as silver than it had
ever been as brown, and her eyes,
though they had lost their vivid
glow and eagerness, had gained a
kindly sympathy. Her tenderness
had even extended to the crocheting
in her hand and imparted something
to that usually very impersonal ob-
ject that her fancy had fretted into
thinking a response. She passed
her hand affectionately over it now,
as the figure of a pineapple, much
conventionalized, repeating itself
like history again and again, fell in
scallops to the floor. "It's most
done," she thought. "I can go
back to the oak leaf pretty soon."

A change in the crocheted pattern
was the chief diversion of Faith's
life, that ran on as monotonously to
the observer as the tune of the
famous harper who played upon only
one string. To an ant the coming
of a stick or a stone may be a great
event. It is not hard to under-
stand how a life that consists in
taking infinite pains with many
little things may get its spurs of
excitement, interest and novelty from
a change in a pattern of crocheted.

The examination of the work ap-
peared to be satisfactory, and Faith
laid it on the table at her side. This
table was devoted to the uses of her
art, nor was ever profaned by the
presence of any irrelevant sub-
stance. There were rows of spools
upon it, drawn up in lines like
soldiers ready to receive an attack,
hooks of various sizes lying like
weapons by their side and various
rolls of lace, the finished product of
their warfare. Faith regarded them
with approval, but her hand that
had lain upon the table fell away
from the accustomed task, and she
sat idle, watching the red coal, the
shadows the lamplight threw upon
the carpet and listening to the
clatter that Mary, her maid of all
work, was making as a part of the
dishwashing.

"It's a kind of jugglery she goes
through with those dishes," thought
Faith regretfully, "a sleight of
hand performance, to see how many
tricks she can do before one of them
will break." But her face did not
cloud, for she had learned resigna-
tion. She had surrendered to Mary
the dishes and all the rest of the
household divinities that she had
served so deftly and carefully for
years that she might be more at
leisure to while away her time in
her own innocent fashion.

She wondered, as she sat staring
dully at the blaze, how the crocheting
had come to mean so much to her
and could not think for the
instant, then half remembered, sad-
dened a little, lost the thread of
memory again, recovered it and fell
to musing, her elbow resting on the
table, her cheek in her palm. She
could hardly believe now that a cer-
tain few years of her life had ever
really happened. They must have
belonged to some other and wan-
dered willfully into her own, for
there was no home for them in hers
or likeness unto anything they
brought. Was it so? They had
gone so utterly, so completely, and
she was happy now in her own
harmless way, far inland, out of all
reach of storm and reef. She was
still looking vaguely, half wistfully,
at the fire when her doorbell rang
and some one had entered the room
and was hurrying to her side.

"Aunt Faith," said a girlish,
tremulous voice, "I've come to ask
you to help me. Mother said you
had suffered like this once and you
had learned to forget, and I thought
perhaps you could show me the way."

Faith looked down upon the
slight figure crouched there, sob-
bing, and laid her hand gently upon
the brown head, but she did not
understand about the suffering.

"What is it, Grace?" she asked.
"Oh, it's Phil!" she cried. "He
doesn't care for me any more. He's

taking Jennie Thompson now, and
I can't bear it. Mother said other
women had to bear such things, but
she'd always been happy, and I
could come to you. You could help
me," she said, looking up appeal-
ingly. "You could teach me to for-
get."

"Yes," said Faith slowly.
Then it came back to her, all her
own little story, and a dim, broken
memory of the first heartache and
her own longing to forget.

"Poor little girl," whispered Faith,
stroking the beautiful mass of
tangled hair. "How was it I learned
to forget! Let me think. Yes, I
remember now. Wait a minute,
dear, I will show you." Faith slip-
ped out of the room and soon re-
turned, bringing three rolls of very
broad crocheted lace.

"Can you crochet, Grace?"
"Not very much," said Grace,
wonderingly.

"Well, I will teach you. This is
the way I learned to forget. The
needle slips in and out, and the
sunlight and firelight shine on it,
and the lace grows and is so pretty,
and it brings comfort. When I be-
gan, I couldn't see the needle—oh,
how long ago that is!—for the
tears. That was when I knew he
would never come again and I had
my wedding dress all ready—it's
grown yellow in a chest in the gar-
ret. But after while the lace took
up my trouble drop by drop till it
was gone, and I couldn't tell you
to-day where it is. So I'll teach
you, dear. These are the three rolls
I did in the three years, and you
see. They're yellow now, you
see."

Faith opened one and spread it
out. It was an intricate pattern,
very broad. "It's hard to do," she
said, "but that is all the better for
the forgetting. If I'd been a man,
I should have gone away to Africa.
I've often thought it would do a
good deal toward making a body
forget to see the sun falling down
like a ball and the dark come as if
somebody had blown out the light.
But I couldn't very well, so I
learned to crochet. I never gave
the lace away, you see, because I
had worked my trouble into it, and
I was afraid. I thought a long time
about it when Alice was married,
but I was afraid it would some way
make her sad when she wore it. So
it's all here. This is the first year's
—you see I've numbered it one—
and this is the second's and this the
third's. There's the three."

Faith handled the rolls over and
over, lost for a minute in the as-
sociations which they revived. Her
niece seemed to have forgotten her
own grief for the time and was ob-
serving her aunt curiously as she
bent over the lace.

"That's a fern pattern," said Faith.
"It's very pretty." Faith sat silent
for a time, smoothing out the
creases of the lace and drawing it
out to its length. It seemed to have
the effect of an enchanter's wand,
for it summoned old faces and
scenes at will, and Faith grew
blind to the little room and the
needs of her guest. At last Grace
moved impatiently.

"Yes, yes," said Faith, like one
awaking, "to forget. This is the
way. Here is the old pattern. I
teach you."

She bustled about, finding thread
and needle, seated herself at Grace's
side, drew the thread through her
fingers and began her work.

"There," she said after a minute.
"Do you see how it's done? It isn't
hard. Try it."

Grace took the needle helplessly.
"Do you think I could forget so,
aunt?" she asked hesitatingly.

"I did," said Faith.
Grace had returned to her task
and made one or two awkward
motions with the needle when there
came a ring at the door.

"It's Phil!" exclaimed Grace,
springing up.

"Grace!" said the recalcitrant
lover, standing awkwardly by the
door, after Aunt Faith had admit-
ted him and had retreated toward
her chair. There were shame and
pleading in his voice.

"We'll try the crocheting some
other time, Aunt Faith," said Grace.
Then seeing her aunt's half dazed
expression, as if she hardly under-
stood this new development of
affairs, she ran back and kissed her.
Grace's face bore no trace of sad-
ness as she turned to Phil, and they
went out chatting merrily.

Faith listened till the last footfall
on the crust had died away, then
carefully rolled up the lace.

"She thinks she's happier,"
thought Faith, "but I'm not sure.
A man's heart is uncertain property,
but a crochet needle," as she laid
her hand approvingly upon those
on the table, "is always the same."

—Springfield Republican.

A NEAR-SIGHTED OLD MAID.
I am near-sighted and an old
maid.

Almost any one would be willing
to admit that one of these misfor-
tunes, alone, was sufficient for the
individual; but both vials of wrath
were unstopped above my defense-
less head.

I am near-sighted and husband
less, and am—well, no matter how
old. No woman gets so old as to
lose all hope, they say, and I am in-
clined to believe it is true.

I have not been near-sighted all
ways. In childhood, I am sure, I
could see as far as any one who
could see no farther.

At the age of twelve years I was
struck with measles, and they left
me short-sighted.

You fortunate people who have
good eyes and can see to read signs
across the street, and can recognize
your friend without the necessity
of crossing over to be sure it is the
right one, know nothing of the
perils and trials of a near-sighted
person. Nothing at all! and no
pen could picture them to you, were
it ever so graphic.

All through my girlhood I was
engaged in picking up pins and
needles which proved to be straws;
bowing to people I had never seen
before; upsetting invisible cans
and baskets, and hurrying past my
best friends, never dreaming of
their propinquity.

I shook hands with the Governor
of the State once under the im-
pression that it was my Uncle Jef-
ferson, and astonished him beyond
measure by inquiring how Aunt
Polly's rheumatism was, and if he
had good luck with her last boiling
of soft soap.

I have searched half the day for
some particular store or shop which
I had passed twenty times without
being able to read the sign.

Nature had endowed me with a
good voice, and I was needed to
sing in our choir—but goodness.
I was so near-sighted that I could
not see to read the music unless I
held the music close to my eyes,
and then the whole congregation
would ignore the singing and wis-
per loud enough for every one to
hear, one to another: "How near-
sighted Agnes Graymond is!"

I could not bear the notoriety, so
I left the choir.

If I made an appointment any-
where, I was invariably an hour too
late, or as much too early, because,
if it had been to have saved the
city, I could not have told the time
by our own town clock.

I never dared go out at nights,
not on account of ghosts, for I
might have gone directly through a
ghost without ever seeing it, but
because I was liable to dash my
brains out against any lamp-post
that happened to be in the way.

My friends deserted me. I used
to pass them blindly by, and once
I ran away from my own father,
thinking him a pickpocket.

I stumbled over poor old Mr.
Blake, my mother's most reverend
minister, as I was coming down the
stairs—never seeing him until I
heard the noise of his fall.

Once I went into a strange church,
and there being no sexton I very
gravely took my seat with the
deacons, greatly to the scandal of
the congregation. I was not to
blame. The church was dark, and
I certainly took the white head of
the tallest deacon for a woman's
white bonnet and veil.

At last I fell in love. Perhaps
you wonder how I ever came near
enough to any man to fall in love
with him; this Thornwell Creigh-
ton was my music teacher, and I
had to sit near him in order to see
the notes, you know.

Mr. Creighton was a lawyer in
good practice—a man of wealth and
influence. At the urgent solicita-
tion of my father he consented to
give me instruction—and the re-
sult was just what might have been
anticipated.

At the end of three weeks we
were betrothed.

Mr. Creighton was handsome,
and intelligent, and kind-hearted;
but he had one terrible fault. He
was jealous.

I used to drive him nearly frantic
by my attentions to other men, as
he called my lolling my head this
way and that way to find who I
should speak to and who I should
ignore.

When we had been two months
betrothed Mr. Creighton was called
to New York on business. We had
a very affecting parting, and after
he was gone time never dragged so
slowly. He went away on Thurs-
day and would return the ensuing
Wednesday.

Wednesday arrived at last. The
train from New York was due at 10
a. m., and by the time the clock
struck the hour I was in the front

hall waiting for him. I had dressed
myself with great care in his
favorite colors, and was confident
of making a good impression.

He came before I expected him.
I saw him coming up the street at a
rapid pace; I opened the door and
stood on the threshold ready to
greet him. He ran up the steps—I
rushed forward and threw myself
into his arms, crying out:

"Oh, I am so rejoiced to see you,"
and then I hung my arms around
his neck and kissed him—I kissed
him more than once, I am afraid.

He did not speak, but hugged me
with considerable expression.
Just then there was a wild shriek
from some one at the gate, and a
woman rushed up the steps and
commenced beating me over the
head with a market basket. The
basket contained a turkey, some
potatoes, lettuce, and packages of
tea and sugar, and about my de-
voted head they all fell in lavish
profusion.

"I'll learn you to kiss other wo-
men's husbands in broad daylight!"
yelled the woman, slapping me in
the face with the unfortunate tur-
key. "Hain't you satisfied with
one sweetheart that you must be
a-seducing my husband?"

I looked up into the face of the
gentleman I had been greeting, and
goodness me! it was the face of an
entire stranger! And at the same
moment I met the eyes of Mr.
Creighton looking over the stran-
ger's shoulder; he was black as a
thunder cloud.

"Agnes," he said, "I have seen
all. Wretched girl! allow me to bid
you farewell!"

"Thornwell!" I cried, "oh, Thorn-
well! it was all a mistake! I did
not know this man! I am inno-
cent—I—"

"Agnes, I saw for myself," he
said, coldly. "Good-bye."

He turned and left me. I apolo-
gized as well as I was able to the
strange gentleman, who proved to
be the "oil man"; apologized to
his wife: went up to my chamber
and had a good cry.

I have never met Mr. Creighton
since, save in company. He is
married to an amiable woman who
is not near-sighted.

Since then I have had offers, but
have thought best to decline. I
was afraid of another mistake with
some other woman's husband.

So I can end as I began—I am a
near-sighted old maid.

FISH IN ALASKA.
THE WATERS TEEMING WITH ALL
VARIETIES, BUT SALMON PRE-
DOMINATE.

"The waters of Alaska, both
oceanic and inland, have a food sup-
ply equal to the demands of a con-
tinent," said H. C. Deming, of Van-
couver, the other day. "Nobody
who has not actually seen the teem-
ing life in these waters can believe
the truth. In Behring Sea there
are fishing banks where cod and
menhaden are caught in numbers
that put the Newfoundland banks
where cod and menhaden are the
salmon runs that excite the greatest
wonder. These fish go up the
rivers in the spring and early sum-
mer to spawn, and sometimes in the
shallower parts of a stream are so
thick that they actually climb over
each other, and the Indians and
others secure all they want with
clubs and pitchforks."

"When they encounter a perpen-
dicular fall they leap to an astonish-
ing height, and millions are killed
by falling back to the water and
rocks. Only the strongest succeed
in reaching the highest points on
the streams, and they are generally
so battered up that when they are
caught on their return they are not
considered fit for food by the white
residents of the coast. I have seen
the banks of the streams piled up
two feet high with dead salmon, and
yet there is apparently no diminu-
tion to the vast numbers that come
from their winter home in the deep
sea each season. Some idea of the
wonderful extent of the salmon
fisheries may be obtained from the
fact that the salmon runs extend
from the Columbia to the Yukon,
including a coast line of more than
2,000 miles. The strange creatures
of the sea that are usually found in
tropical waters are also found there.
I have seen an octopus with arms
fifteen feet long caught in Seattle
harbor, and sea anemones, sea cu-
mbers, sea urchins, star fish, moon
fish, dog fish and sharks are to be
found everywhere in the greatest
abundance. Rock cod, sea bass,
ling and other game fish of the sea
are very plentiful, and clams are
so abundant that every saloon has
clam bouillon on tap free to every

comer. The northern Pacific and
Behring Sea are wonderful store-
houses."—Chicago Chronicle.

STRANGE CONFESSIONS.
MEN WHO HAVE CONFESSED TO CRIMES
WHICH THEY NEVER COMMITTED.

That a man on the rack, with
every nerve quivering, with every
nerve drawn to its utmost tension,
with the pain increasing in intensity
and violence, should confess himself
the perpetrator of crime is natural
enough. The prospect of relief
from pain is a temptation that
blinds the sufferer to the future.
But it may seem strange, and is in-
deed one of the most inexplicable
things in human history, that men
have been induced by religious ex-
hortations and other means of per-
suasion to sign their own death
warrants by confessing crimes
actually never committed. Such in
England was the case of John Perry,
executed near Camden in 1661,
with his mother and brother, for
murdering William H. Harrison,
steward for Lady Campden. The
testimony against them was chiefly
the confession of John Perry him-
self, but, to the astonishment of
all, Harrison, who had been kidnaped
and carried off, returned two
years after the execution.

In 1812 a man named Russell
Colvin, living at Manchester, Ver-
mont, disappeared, and suspicious
of foul play were entertained. Pub-
lic opinion attributed his murder to
Stephen and Jesse Boorn. Still, as
there was no definite ground on
which to arrest them, the excite-
ment gradually drew away. In
1819, however, a Mr. Boorn dreamed
that he had been murdered by two
men, whom he fixed upon as his
nephews, Stephen and Jesse. The
ghost of the murdered man even
specified the place of the murder,
and the old cellar hole where the
mangled body had been thrust.
Here a knife and buttons were
found, which were identified as be-
longing to Colvin. On this the men
were arrested. Stephen and
Colvin had quarreled just before
the disappearance of the latter, and
Stephen had been seen to strike
him with a club and knock him
down.

In a short time Jesse confessed
that he and Stephen, with their
father, after Stephen knocked him
down, had carried him to the old
cellar and cut his throat with a jack
knife. He further stated that the
next year they made away with
most of the bones of their victim.
Stephen, after a time, admitted the
truth of Jesse's confession, and
actually signed a written confession.
On this they were convicted, and
sentenced to be hanged on the 28th
of January, 1820. They applied
for commutation of the sentence,
and, as some believed their inno-
cence, advertisements were inserted

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

President McKinley transmitted a memorable message to Congress Monday morning, in which he calmly, and in a most statesmanlike manner, reviewed the most distressing situation in Cuba, and the international complications existing between the United States and Spain that have arisen within the past three months. The President covers the whole ground most admirably, and in the course of summing up his observations, wisely says: "In the name of civilization and humanity; in behalf of endangered American interests which give us the right and duty to speak and act, the war in Cuba must stop." The President also very correctly states: "Nor do I think it would be wise or prudent to recognize at the present time the independence of the so-called Cuban Republic. Such recognition is not necessary to pacify the island."

The point of the message asks Congress for power to intervene, with force of arms if necessary, to stop hostilities on the island of Cuba—stop the inhuman barbarities and cruelties being inflicted by Spaniards.

President McKinley has done his whole duty manfully indeed. Now let Congress act in the same cool-headed manner; and if war is not averted it will be the fault of Spain. If Spain will not accede to a request that is humane, reasonable and just, then will come the time to compel the Spanish government to do what is right!

It is expected that Congress will take definite action upon the message this week and advise the President to use, if necessary, the military and naval forces of the United States to secure a full and final termination of hostilities.

SOME time ago the INDEPENDENT suggested, gratuitously of course, that the Republicans of Pennsylvania nominate Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart, of Norristown, as their gubernatorial standard-bearer. The suggestion was received with much favor by the press of the county and of other sections of the State. But some of the Republican leaders of this county were disposed not to take much stock in a Montgomery county candidate for Governor. They admitted that General Stewart was most admirably fitted to fill the position of Governor, but they seemed to be under orders, received or self-imposed, to further Mr. Stone's candidacy. A number of worshippers of Mr. Wanamaker were quick to jump at the conclusion, or rather assumption, that if Mr. Stewart would become a candidate for Governor he would ultimately expect his supporters—in the event of his nomination being out of the question—to support Mr. Stone. Thus between spathy on one side and unwarranted distrust on the other, Mr. Stewart's name was dropped flat right in his native county.

And now the leaders of the Quay, Stone and Wanamaker-Clark factions are making faces at each other. They are spoiling for a fight and are going to have it. The one faction proposes to whip Wanamaker and the Democrats and elect Mr. Stone, while the other faction has undertaken to purify the Republican party with various disinfectants, to redeem, regenerate and glorify the governmental affairs of the State, and to—elect Mr. Wanamaker Governor, or United States Senator, of course.

Now, the contest being waged with so much earnestness and bitterness is not our fight. We have made it a rule long ago to fight for the real interests of the people, even though the people now and then damn the editor for his efforts in their behalf. Viewing the conflict from the standpoint of an outsider we observe evidences that the people, some of them at least, are being humbugged by political humbugs. Men who drop from one faction of a party to another faction, ostensibly in behalf of the dear people, but who are in reality actuated by a deeply-rooted purpose to serve themselves in due time, are political humbugs, and we know it. This observation is intended to apply to practical politicians.

In so far as we favor the election of any Republican for governor we are for General Stewart for the sufficient reason that wherever he has been tried as a servant of the people—not of this, but of the other political boss,—he has not been found wanting in any particular.

Moreover, General Stewart is a native of Montgomery county; and the Republicans of Montgomery county to-day would be exhibiting some good sense and sound reason if they would be heartily espousing the candidacy of General Stewart instead of wrangling among themselves in carrying out the wishes of the Quay and Wanamaker bosses!

With General Stewart in the Governor's chair and capable and honest men in the Senate and House at Harrisburg we believe the governmental affairs of Pennsylvania could be and would be efficiently and wisely administered.

Aside from the present Stone-Wanamaker-Clark-et-al. hullabaloo, the people of Pennsylvania should remember that unless they, the people, nominate men to represent them as their servants at Harrisburg, they, the people, will continue to be humbugged and cheated, no matter whether Quay is re-elected to the United States Senate, or whether Wanamaker is chosen to succeed Quay; or whether Stone is elected Governor.

UPON reading Editor Roberts' quite recent observations in his Phoenixville Messenger, with particular reference to the editor of the INDEPENDENT, we are driven to the conclusion that, whilst he may be extensively informed as to monetary questions, his ability to tell a joke well is more accurate and more to be depended upon than some of his conclusions in the realm of financial disputation. We have much regard and friendly feeling for Bro. Roberts as an editorial hither-to-the-shoulder, and we must perforce add to this our store of kindly sentiment a keen appreciation of his recent hits as a story teller.

If the editor of the INDEPENDENT is ever able to discern, comprehend if you please, just where Editor Roberts is at in his views upon the money question, we may try to measure his bearings. Up to this time all our efforts have been in vain.

Now, let's have another story, Brother Roberts.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8, 1898.—Washington has been more like a mammoth lunatic asylum this week than anything else. The wildest sort of statements have been made and have for a time found believers. In fact, everybody, including the President, the Cabinet, and both branches of Congress, is in a state of nervous tension which cannot possibly last much longer. Just when everybody was expecting the President's message recommending forcible intervention in Cuba to go to Congress, and the action thereupon by Congress to practically open the war with Spain, the announcement came like a thunder-clap that the message would not be sent in until next week, because General Fitz Lee had telegraphed the President that he could not get all the Americans out of Cuba before then and that he did not consider that the life of any American who remained in Havana until after the message was made public would be worth a row of pins. This excuse for delay was such a valid one that no objection could be raised to it, but Congress is very impatient, and has been made more so by the old game of stereotyped telegraph message sent from their constituents at the request of parties in Washington who have undertaken to change the overwhelming sentiment of Congress by manufacturing a demand for peace.

But the pendulum has taken a short swing to the other side, and circumstances have made peace talk more prevalent, where the made-to-order telegrams failed. But if peace is maintained it will not be by the action of Congress, but by the clean breakdown of Spain. Quite a respectable number of the best informed men in Washington, including the President, are expecting that Spain will agree to every demand the U. S. has made, including the relinquishing of its control of Cuba. But the overwhelming majority still believe that we will have war with Spain, and the administration has not slackened any of its preparations for war. On the contrary, it is hard at work getting everything in readiness to follow up the action of Congress on the President's message with a strong naval and military demonstration against the Spaniards in Cuba. The foundation for these peace expectations is the influence of the European powers upon Spain. They first tried to exercise their influence upon this government, but were speedily told that it was useless; that the government had fully determined upon bringing Spanish misrule in Cuba, which has been a source of annoyance and disgust to our people for years, to an end. Then they started in upon Spain and are now trying to persuade her that it will be much wiser, not to mention the difference in cost, to get out of Cuba without war with the U. S. than to have to get out and to get thrashed besides. That is good logic, and if the European powers will undertake to protect the government of Spain against its own people, it may be acted upon. But if it isn't acted upon before that message goes to Congress, it will be too late.

General Schofield, late commander-in-chief of the U. S. army, has taken a desk at the War Department and is acting in an advisory capacity to Secretary Alger. Although retired, Gen. Schofield is still under the President's orders, as are all retired army and navy officers, and he is Lieutenant General in the United States Army. Major General Nelson A. Miles, the present commander-in-chief, should be ordered to resume active duty. It is known that President McKinley has a high opinion of the military ability of General Schofield, and there has been much discussion of the probability of his placing him in command of the army in case of war with Spain.

The currency bill prepared by a subcommittee of the House committee on Banking and Currency was this week introduced in the House, although it has not yet been formally agreed to by the entire committee. It has not received very much attention, because the only financial question that is just now being discussed is that of raising the money to fight the war with Spain. The currency bill was prepared by Representatives McCleary, of Minn.; Prince, of Ill., and Mitchell, of N. Y. It creates a division of issue and redemption in the Treasury, and sets aside as money in excess of \$50,000,000 as a reserve to be used to redeem outstanding money. It authorizes the redemption of legal tender notes and standard silver dollars in gold, but not silver certificates. It provides for the conversion of existing legal tender notes into reserve notes, which shall be redeemed by national banks. It allows national banks to issue currency notes upon their commercial assets to the amount of reserve notes taken by them, provided the total issue shall not exceed 35 per cent. of their unimpaired capital. National banks which wish to continue the issue of circulating notes secured by bonds are allowed to increase the amount to the face value of their bonds. New national banks are required to invest 25 per cent. of their capital in reserve notes issued in exchange for legal tender notes, and all national banks are taxed one-tenth of 1 per cent. semi-annually upon their capital, surplus and undivided profits.

ONE OF TWO WAYS.
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A NURSE'S ROMANCE.

SHE WAS RETROTHED BY HER HUSBAND'S DYING MOTHER AND GIVEN A FORTUNE.

From the New York Journal.

The marriage of Miss Udall and Mr. Sidney Riddletoefer, at Morristown, N. J., Monday, is the culmination of a romance in which tragedy and comedy are strangely mingled. Mr. Riddletoefer's mother was an invalid, and about a year ago went to Morristown to live, hoping the change would prove beneficial. Her son was in business in this city, but spent much time with his mother. So delicate was Mrs. Riddletoefer that she required constant care and she engaged Mrs. George Udall, a trained nurse, to attend to her. Mrs. Udall won her confidence and affection, and when one day the nurse was herself ill and unable to attend to Mrs. Riddletoefer, she sent as a substitute her younger daughter Lillie. That was less than three months ago. If the invalid was fond of the mother, she grew more fond of the daughter, for after Miss Udall had attended her for a while she requested that young woman to remain permanently. Young Riddletoefer, who had gone to Morristown to visit his mother, did not know that she had changed her attendant. He was dining alone when he heard a scream from the library. Rushing hastily to the rescue, the young man was astounded to see perched upon a chair, with her skirts drawn about her, a charming young woman, who was staring fearfully around and crying "Mouse! Mouse! Oh, oh!" After assuring her that the mouse had gone, the rescuer assisted the young woman to the floor and there were mutual explanations and identifications. From that time young Mr. Riddletoefer began to pay court to her. The invalid was witness to the growing interest of the young people as the two watched by her bedside for long, weary weeks. The mother sank. At last hope died, and she knew she was going. She called the couple to her side, took their hands in hers and sealed their betrothal.

After that the mother made her will. To this daughter who was not yet a daughter all the family jewelry, valued at \$20,000, was given. To the son who had said he loved the girl, went all the family realty, amounting to \$200,000. Her worldly duty done, the mother passed away. The betrothal over the death bed had Monday's wedding as a result, and the pair left at once for an extended tour of the South. On their return they will live at Montclair.

THE OUTPUT OF COAL.

THE PRODUCT OF THIS STATE MORE THAN HALF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE COUNTRY.

From a preliminary statement compiled by E. W. Parker, statistician of the United States Geological Survey, it is shown that the total output of coal in the United States in 1897 amounted approximately to 198,250,000 short tons, with an aggregate value of \$198,100,000, or fraction less than \$1 per ton. Compared with 1896 this shows an increase in tonnage of 6,270,000 tons, or about 3.3 per cent. The increase in the value of the product was only \$1,700,000, a little less than .9 of one per cent. The increase in production and the decline in value was confined to the output of bituminous coal. The anthracite production in Pennsylvania decreased nearly two and a quarter million tons, from 54,346,081 short tons of 2,000 pounds to 52,122,498 short tons in 1897, while the average price received at the mines per short ton was \$1.65 per short ton (\$1.85 per long ton) in both years. Considering the industry by States, Pennsylvania holds her usual position. The combined product of anthracite an bituminous coal from the Keystone State amounted to 106,000,000 short tons, nearly 54 of one per cent. of the total output. Pennsylvania's percentage of bituminous output was 37, her output of soft coal being 54,000,000 tons.

A GOOD PATRIOT.

BUT WHEN IT TOUCHED HER INTERESTS PATRIOTISM TOOK A TURN.

From the Cleveland Leader.

"Of course we want war," exclaimed Mrs. Danbury. "The idea of letting such an outrage go unpunished! I don't care whether the Spaniards did it or not. They deserve to be whipped any way. If they hadn't oppressed those poor Cubans, our boat wouldn't have been ordered to go down there, and the terrible thing would probably not have happened."

"People who want to wait until the facts can be learned are cowards. They have no right to live in a free country. They should go back to Europe where they or their ancestors came from, and be serfs. If liberty isn't worth fighting for it isn't worth having."

"I just wish I were a man! I can tell you I would show some of these cowards how to act at such a time as this!"

"Bravo! Bravo!" exclaimed her husband. "Spoken like a regular little patriot! Your sentiments are mine, exactly. I'm glad you take such a noble view of it, for now I shall not have to hesitate any longer. There is something I have wanted to tell you for two days, but I have hesitated for fear it might distress you. I am going to join a military company so as to be ready to go to the front at the first call to serve my country. I am so glad you—"

"Join!" exclaimed Mrs. Danbury, "are you crazy? Do you mean to say that you would go away to war and leave me here alone? You will join no military company! You will stay right here, no matter what happens! This country has never done anything for you! Let others do its fighting if it gets into trouble. Here, take a cup of tea. It'll be good for you head!"

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CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The trouble usually arises and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and extraordinary effects of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy, is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should get the best. At drugists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail, upon receipt of three two-cent stamps to cover cost of postage on the bottle. Mention the PROVIDENCE INDEPENDENT and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

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Her Ashes a Flower Bed.

The following queer wish is expressed in the will of Mary Ann Thomas, who died recently at 2411 North College avenue, Philadelphia: "I desire that my body be cremated in a plain and inexpensive manner, and my ashes made to grow flowers in some flower bed." The estate, which is valued at \$3,600, is being contested because the testatrix left two wills, one of which devised small bequests to a number of relatives and friends and the other devised her whole estate to her sister. The first will, which contains the peculiar clause, is dated June 3, 1897, and the second one June 9, 1897.

Spread of the English Language.

Mr. Gladstone lately expressed himself as believing that English is to be the language of the future. Mr. Gladstone's reasons are based on what has happened within his own lifetime. When Mr. Gladstone was born English was spoken by 30,000,000 of people. It is now spoken by 120,000,000. The number of people in the earth who speak English is doubled every forty years. This forms the basis of a very simple calculation as to when the entire population of the earth shall speak English. The two great English-speaking countries are Great Britain and the United States. Wherever Great Britain goes she carries the English language, and whoever comes to the United States learns it.—Chicago Chronicle.

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HOME AND ABROAD.

—Now then,
—Altogether!
—Hurrah for Spring!!
—And join in the hope that
—There will be no more blizzards
—Until November next!

—Perhaps money talks, but it seems adverse to holding conversation with a great many people.—*Chicago News.*

—The addition to Charity Hospital, Norristown, is nearly completed.

—Wm. Cox, of Norristown, was arrested for threatening to throw his wife into a mill race.

—The public school children of Harrisburg donated 380 dozen of eggs as an Easter offering for the eight benevolent institutions of that city.

—Street and Road Commissioner A. H. Tyson has temporarily repaired Third avenue.

—The ice cream season has been opened at Deisher's bakery.

—J. L. Bechtel is doing a lively trade in the furniture business.

—The students of Ursinus have returned from their Easter vacation.

—John Sandenmeier, an aged citizen of Norristown, was brutally assaulted by Harry McDermott and John Quinn, Saturday night.

—Mrs. Catherine Johnson, of Allentown, visited friends in this section a few days ago.

—S. S. Bean, a butcher, had two fingers of his left hand almost severed by a circular saw, Friday, at his home in Eagleville.

—At a recent public sale in Skipack books printed years back in 1856 were sold. A wooden clock made in 1492 was also disposed of.

—The most extensive cemetery in Europe is that at Rome, in which over 6,000,000 human beings have been interred.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Grist took have taken possession of their new home on Main street.

—Councilman J. L. Paist has of late been making notable improvements to his Main street property.

—A surprise party was tendered Miss Laura Kulp, of Evansburg, by her friends, Saturday evening.

—There is a terrible fascination to some people about things that is none of their business.—*Puck.*

—Jacob Brunner, of Worcester, has purchased the coal and feed yard at Belfry station for \$500.

—During the severe thunder, rain, and hail storm Monday afternoon, considerable hail fell in some sections of the county.

—A movement is afoot to procure a borough charter for Ardmore, this county.

—The friends of Frank Fuhrman, of Skipack, recently celebrated his 35th birthday. Numerous persons made up a merry surprise party, and Frank will have sufficient cause to remember the event for a long time to come.

RELIGIOUS.

Evansburg M. E. church, Rev. J. S. Tomlinson, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching, Sunday, at 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League service Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Prayer and class meeting on Thursday evening at 7:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

Episcopal service at St. James', Evansburg, every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 3 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 8:45 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer-meeting on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Congregational prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Junior League service at 3 p. m. on Saturday. All are cordially invited to attend the services.

Ironbridge: Preaching next Sabbath evening at 7:45; Sunday School at 2 o'clock p. m.; Christian Endeavor 7 p. m. All are invited to these services.

St. Paul's Memorial Protestant Episcopal church, Oaks Station. Rev. Benj. J. Douglass, rector. Sunday services at 10:45 o'clock a. m. and at 3:30 p. m. Sunday School at 2:30 p. m. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe. Service next Sunday at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Lutheran League, 6:45 p. m. All invited. Rev. W. O. Fogley, pastor.

Trappe United Evangelical church. Service next Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday School at 2 p. m. Rev. J. Max Longsdorf, pastor.

Trinity church; Wednesday evening, prayer service, 7:30 o'clock. Sunday: Sunday School, at 8:45 o'clock, and preaching, at 10, the Junior C. E. prayer service, at 2 p. m., and the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service, Mr. Wm. H. Bartman, leader. The pastor will preach at Skipackville, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, and Ironbridge chapel at 7:30 p. m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in the Collegeville church, Sunday, May 1st.

New Church to be Opened.

The new Presbyterian church at Jeffersonville will be opened to the public next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The sermon will be preached by Rev. F. A. Horton, D. D., of Philadelphia.

New School Building for Lansdale.

Architect Gonerover has completed plans for the Lansdale public school. It will be 78 by 106 feet, and will contain eight rooms. The cost is not to exceed \$14,000.

Surprise Party.

The young friends and school-mates of Miss Anna Riegner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Riegner, of this borough, tendered her a surprise party Tuesday evening. The event throughout proved to be a very enjoyable social affair.

Lecture at the Baptist Church.

This (Thursday) evening at 7:45 G. W. Rogers, Esq., of Norristown, will deliver at the Lower Providence Baptist Church a lecture, illustrated by the stereopticon, entitled, "Egypt, its Pyramids, Monuments and Tombs." Admission 10 cents.

An Artesian Well Completed.

Samuel R. Mowrey, the artesian well driller, of Springfield, has just finished a well 350 feet deep for David Bentley & Co., of Philadelphia, and has moved his machine to Norristown, this county, where he will drill a well for Jesse Beyer.

Evening Party.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Rapp, residing near Perkiomen Bridge, entertained quite a number of their friends, Monday evening. A variety of refreshments were served during the evening, and all present were delighted with the hospitable event.

A Bright Easter.

Easter Sunday was a bright, warm, Spring day, and the pleasant weather added much to the enjoyment, religious and social, of Eastertide. The services at the various churches, as announced in the last issue of the *INDEPENDENT* attracted large congregations of members and friends.

Soliciting Subscriptions.

Dr. J. W. Groff, of Harleysville, is soliciting subscriptions to build a telephone line from Skipack to Telford, via Lederachville and Harleysville. The proposed line is to be connected with and operated by the Keystone line. He has over \$1,000 subscribed and the line will not cost over \$1,500.

Philadelphia Markets.

Winter bran, \$15.50 @ 6.00; flour, \$4.10 to \$4.50; rye, flour, \$2.90; wheat, 99¢; to \$1.01; corn, 35¢; oats, 33¢; butter, 18 to 22¢; poultry, live, 34¢ @ c, dressed, 90¢ @ c; timothy hay, 40 @ 65¢, mixed, 45 @ 50¢; straw, 40 @ 45¢; beef cattle 44 @ 58¢; sheep, 34 @ 54¢; lambs, 4 @ 62¢; hogs, western, 54 @ 60¢.

Real Estate and Mortgages.

Horace G. Fetterolf, one of "our boys" about town, years ago, is now engaged in the business of dealing in real estate and mortgages in Philadelphia. Mr. Fetterolf has had considerable experience in the business world and we can cheerfully say of him that he is reliable and trustworthy. See his adverb in another column.

A Ten Cent Tea.

A ten cent Tea will be given by the Work Committee of the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed church, Collegeville, on Saturday afternoon and evening, April 23, in the old public school building. There will be an abundance of good, sweet home-made bread, and cakes, candies, and ice cream, on sale. The proceeds of the Tea will be devoted to Charity.

One Cent Per Loaf to be Added.

The Lansdale Bakers' Association, which includes in its membership a majority of the bakers in Montgomery county, has decided, in view of the increase in the price of wheat, to advance the price of bread from 4 to 5 cents per loaf. The proprietors of the bakeries of this borough, Messrs. Deisher and Riegner, are members of the Association.

Government Contract for Cloth.

The Conshohocken Woolen Company, of Conshohocken, was the lowest responsible bidder on a government contract for 30,000 yards of cloth for the Brooklyn navy yard, and has been awarded the contract. An order for 10,000 yards was received by the firm from the government some days ago, followed by an order for 20,000 yards on Saturday. The contract amounts to about \$50,000 and will keep the mills in Conshohocken running for some time.

An Attractive Souvenir.

J. Milton Lewin, of the Royersford Shoe Company, has issued a most attractive souvenir in the form of a beautifully illustrated pamphlet containing a cleverly written history of that enterprising borough from the time of its organization, and pen sketches of its leading citizens of the past and present. Beyond doubt every citizen of Royersford and vicinity will desire a copy of the souvenir, which can be had by calling at the store of the Company aforesaid.

Crescent Literary Society.

Next meeting of Crescent Literary Society in Mennonite school house, Yerkess, Saturday evening, April 16. Program: Recitations, Susie M. Dewiler, Hettie P. Gotwals, Willie Aschenfelder, Ralph Aschenfelder, Frank E. Zimmerman. Readings—David G. Gotwals, Harry Detwiler, Kathryn Rosenberger. Vocal duet—Lizzie C. Detwiler, Kathryn Raubenbush. Solo—Eva R. Horton. Instrumental solo—Hanna Aschenfelder. Oration—Isaac G. Price. Debate—Resolved, That the man who adulterates food earns his money in a more despicable way than the man who adulterates news. Affirmative Chief—Kathryn D. Gotwals; Negative Chief—Abram T. Allebach. All are cordially invited. The Society will give an entertainment later in the season.

Anti-Quay Republican League Meeting.

The Anti-Quay Republican League of Montgomery county will hold a public meeting in the Opera House, Norristown, to-morrow (Friday) evening. Addresses will be made by John Wanamaker, Chas. Heber Clark, and Senator C. K. Kauffman. The League has named Geo. C. Hollenbach as the Pottstown candidate for State delegate.

Further Extension of Telephone Service.

The Chester County Telegraph and Telephone Company have re-organized and asked for an increase in capitalization to \$75,000, for the purpose of connecting West Chester, Oxford, Chester, Downingtown, and other places, with the Keystone Telephone Company of this county. J. C. Landis, of this borough, President.

A Larger Oil Engine.

Proprietor Shepard, of Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, having experienced considerable inconvenience on account of the incapacity of the oil engine used in driving the dynamo of his electric light plant, decided to purchase an engine of increased power. The new engine is being placed in position, and it will doubtless do the work required in lighting the hotel buildings and surroundings with electricity.

Making Money With a Needle.

Mrs. William Stamm, of Centre township, Bucks county, six years ago took to quilting and has since quilted 48 comforters, 424 petticoats, 205 bed quilts and 25 bed shams. Besides these she has traced for different persons 50 pillow shams, 70 petticoats and 77 fancy bed quilts. Mrs. Stamm always has a number of orders on hand and manages to save a snug little sum of money every year.

Good News.

Residents of the middle and upper portions of the borough will be pleased to learn that George Macmillan, Douglas, of the Schuylkill Valley Traction Company, has notified Esquire J. M. Zimmerman, Clerk of Council, that arrangements are being made to put in place the tracks required at the railroad crossing to enable the Company to turn their cars to and from the upper part of the borough, by the first of June.

A Very Narrow Escape.

Harry Mattis, the seven-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Mattis, of Mingo, was run over by a horse, attached to a carriage, Saturday evening. The sight of the accident was horrifying and those who witnessed it thought the little fellow was being killed outright, but Harry escaped with a slight scalp wound and a gash on his left leg. He was struck by one of the horse's front feet and rolled between the hind feet of the animal. Dr. J. W. Royer, of Trappe, attended to the lad's injuries.

Officers Installed.

The following officers of Economy Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Evansburg, were recently installed: N. G., John Frantz; Y. G., T. Morgan; Assistant Secretary, John L. Bechtel; Warden, Fred. Galbraith; Conductor, Wm. White; Chaplain, H. S. Kulp; I. G., J. K. Schwenk; O. G., Samuel Zieber. The organization has 108 members and is in a very flourishing condition. Next Saturday evening the members of the Lodge will participate in a banquet.

Ursinus Catalogue 1897-98.

We are in receipt of a copy of the catalogue of Ursinus College for 1897-98. The pamphlet contains numerous adequate statements in relation to the purposes and equipments of an institution that has deservedly achieved a prominent position among the colleges of the State. Much information of special interest to all interested in the work of higher education, is contained in the catalogue at hand, a copy of which can be obtained by addressing Dr. H. T. Spangler, President, or Dr. J. S. Weinberger, Dean, of the College.

Cloverdell Stock Farm Sale.

The four days' sale at Cloverdell Stock Farm, Colmar, this week, attracted a great many people in that direction. The high-bred horses to be sold created the greatest interest. The collection was one of the most valuable ever witnessed in this country. Many horse fanciers were present from abroad, and all the animals were disposed of—some at fair prices, others at not more than half their value. The farm was not sold; it was bid to \$29,000 and withdrawn. It has been recently disposed of to I. H. Rosenberger, Bro., of Colmar, for \$30,500. The feature of Wednesday's sale was the disposal of the great stallions—Director and Red Wilkes—for which the late "Andy" Moore paid \$100,000. The former, a son of Dictator out of Dolly, 16 hands high and 21 years old. He was bred by Richard West, of Lexington, Ky., and has a record of 2:16. The first offer was \$200, but E. E. McCleary raised the bid to \$500. From then to a thousand dollars the bidding lay between E. E. McCleary, J. R. Bond and G. White. From this price it was carried to \$1,275, at which sum E. E. McCleary, of the Locust Grove Stock Farm of New Castle, Pa., secured it. Red Wilkes was then shown. He has been the sire of 139 and 71 dams since he was secured by Mr. Moore, but the price he realized was only \$600, the stallion changing into W. C. Hendrickson's hands, of Belle Meade farms, of New York. Director, a son of Director, was sold to Nancy Lee, a half brother to Nancy Hanks, 2:04, was then offered, and after a bid of \$200, he was run up to \$1,225, when T. A. Wilson purchased him for the Malvern Stock Farm, of Reading. The highest price paid during the day was \$1,350 for Mambrino Maid, with black colt by Director, foaled in 1898. The two were purchased by J. Butler, of East View Stock Farm, New York. During the day seven horses were sold for over \$1,000 each, and many others ran close to the thousand mark. The total number but under the hammer during the two days of the sale was 145, and they fetched \$47,920.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION AT SUNNYSIDE TOWN.

THE EXPLOSION OF A POWDER MILL AND TWO MAGAZINES. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TERRIFIED. MUCH PROPERTY DAMAGED. NO LIVES LOST.

About 12:30 o'clock yesterday (Wednesday) morning, the large powder mill and two large magazines filled with powder, the property of George F. Miller of Sunnyside town, exploded with a force that shook every building within a radius of many miles and terrified hundreds of people. Here in Collegeville fifteen miles away from the scene of the disaster, nearly every slumberer was rudely awakened and shocked by the disturbed equilibrium of houses and beds. In Sunnyside town, Greenlane, and for miles around nearly all the glass in the windows of all the houses was broken and scarcely one whole pane of glass was found intact in the window frames of the church at Sunnyside town. A brick house, occupied by a workman at the mill, collapsed, the family narrowly escaping with their lives. At Schwenksville the explosions were keenly felt and caused much consternation. The powder mill was more recently erected to the fullest capacity in filling orders for the Government and a vast amount of explosive material was in the mill and stored in the magazines near by. It is presumed that the mill exploded first and that the shock caused the explosion of the magazines. The men employed on the night shift left the mill about ten minutes before the explosion. Had the disaster occurred earlier every one of them would have been blown to pieces.

SURPRISE PARTIES.

A large surprise party visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Campbell, this borough, Saturday evening, to celebrate Mr. Campbell's 50th birthday anniversary. He was completely surprised when surrounded by his friends from Manayunk, Lower Providence, Collegeville, and Upper Providence. Refreshments in abundance were served, and a good time socially was had.

The same evening about fifty young friends met and proceeded to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith, near Arcola, to surprise their son Leonard. The surprise was complete. Various games were played by the merry party, and in due time dainty provisions were served. These present came from Fairview, Collegeville, Eagleville, Shannonsville, Oaks, Arcola, Yerkess, and other places.

FROM PROVIDENCE SQUARE.

At the public sale of the personal effects of the late Joseph Cole, deceased, held by Administrator Elliott Wood, Wednesday of last week, the attendance was good, and fair prices were obtained.

It is reported that Daniel Buckwalter, of Evansburg, has contracted to complete the carpenter work of Harry Kennedy's house.

Mrs. J. D. Frantz is recovering from her recent illness.

Albert Casselberry is reported to be worse.

Mrs. James Wilde has hired a man from Rudy, Salford station.

J. D. Frantz is digging the foundation for his new house.

Jacob Umstead, George Redman, and Wm. Smith took a run on their bikes to Ziegler'sville and vicinity, Saturday evening. The time was remarkably quick, going and coming.

FROM ROYERSFORD.

R. E. Nace, recently filled numerous orders for Easter lilies and other flowers.

B. F. Garber is putting the road machine in repair and will soon give his attention to the roads of Limerick.

It is claimed that several converts were made at the anti-Quay meeting Friday evening.

Francis Dismant is having the walls of the cellar built for a fine house on the borough line near the base ball ground.

Abel Nettles has purchased five barrels of coal and expects to take the people how to raise large and fine potatoes.

The 'cycle parade on Main street was a fine affair. About 50 bikes were in line.

A. F. Stoll is doing a lively trade in the business of blacksmithing and wheelwrighting. He has just turned out another new wagon that is a credit to the builder.

District Convention P. O. S. of A., at Ironbridge.

About fifty delegates attended the district P. O. S. of A., which was held on Saturday evening, in the hall on Broadway, No. 267, at Ironbridge. A number of camps, including three from Pottstown, were represented. The election for District President resulted in the choice of Dr. Keely, of Schwenksville, over Dr. Evans Griffith, of Pottstown. W. Y. Fryer, of Pottstown, presented a paper on "George Washington" and Dr. O. C. Heffner had a paper on "Patriotism." Both received eager attention. The next semi-annual meeting will be held in the hall of Camp No. 295, Pottstown, on Saturday, October 8.

Fined for Riding on a Sidewalk in Trappe.

Some time ago one of the officials of the borough of Trappe gently reprimanded a young man for riding his bicycle on the sidewalk. The official received harsh abuse for his friendly counsel. This specimen of impudence led the Town Council to at once and rigidly put in force the bicycle ordinance. One morning last week Mr. George Rambo, a resident and property owner of Trappe, was observed riding his wheel on the narrow foot-path on the old State road within the borough limits. George was doubtless not aware of the more recent and decisive action of Town Council, but that action, due to the sauciness of the chap who has thus far escaped arrest, was observed by the proper authorities and George was compelled to pay a fine and costs, amounting in all to about \$5.00.

SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

A special meeting of Town Council was held last Friday evening. John T. Keyser, the new member recently elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Abram Tyson, took the oath of office. The other members present were Messrs. Vandierck, Petterolf, Roberts, Paist and Prizer. A resolution was adopted requiring property owners on the west side of Main street, from Eighth avenue to Third avenue, and on the east side of Main street from Third avenue to First avenue, to immediately pave in front of their respective properties in accordance with an ordinance previously passed by Council. Another resolution was adopted requiring property owners on the north side of Fifth avenue, from Main street to Chestnut street, to immediately curb and pave in front of their respective properties. By the same resolution the property owners on the south side of Fifth avenue from Main street to Chestnut street are required to immediately curb the front of their respective properties in accordance with an ordinance previously passed by Council. The paving and curbing must be of Wyoming blue stone. The resolutions thus passed by Town Council are both important and timely. The necessity of having a permanent and substantial walk at least on one side of Main street from First to Eighth avenues is a fact that should be easily admitted and cheerfully acted upon by all the property owners along the line, for such action will be entirely in the line of rational prudence. The resolution as to Fifth avenue is a timely stroke of sound policy on the part of Council. During the winter, just past, Fifth avenue was a combination of mud, snow drain channels, sink holes, and mud ponds from seven to about twelve inches in depth. The sidewalk on the north side represented a combination of all the conditions necessary to make it one of the most execrable footways in existence anywhere. Both the street proper and the sidewalks were a constant source of keen aggravation to all who were compelled to travel over, or rather through, street and walk. The necessity of making radical improvement to Fifth avenue could not but be distinctly apparent to every member of Town Council, and, moving ahead upon the principle that the only kind of street improvement was the making of the substantial and permanent kind, Council has determined to macadamize the avenue from Main street to Chestnut street, and to do this work as it should be done it is necessary that the sides of the street should be curbed. As to the pavement that will be placed on the north side of the avenue, that is an improvement worthy of special notice. Property owners directly interested and all other citizens of the borough interested directly or indirectly must sooner or later be substantially benefited and benefited by the improvements about to be gotten under way. Town Council deserves the specially commendation for adopting the resolutions above referred to.

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Since Frank Rees has left the place people must go to Mont Clair for coal, and Sowers' coal wagon visits Oaks pretty often. Rees has taken up his quarters at Aldham on the Frazer branch of the Pennsylvania R. R.

The granite works, which is proposed to be built here, may boom things and some one may be encouraged to start a new coal yard and feed house here, as there is a splendid location right at the crossing of the Perkiomen and Penny railroads.

Abel Brower, Jr., is busy taming his bicycle. He, on company with Francis and Operator Sweeney, took a spin to Collegeville, Eagleville, Jeffersonville, and then home, on Sunday last. Abel led the pace. Brower's wheel is the '99 model, 120 gear, fearless of steam or trolley cars, inspected by the Collegeville Cycling Club. By the by, the associated cycling clubs of New York propose to exclude women from their century runs. Rather unjust discrimination. But New Yorkers are of the kind to do anything that is inconsistent.

The Republicans of the Lower District of Upper Providence township will hold their primary election on Saturday evening next. This is a Quay stronghold, and will no doubt send Quay delegates to the county convention. We will not venture an opinion even should we have but one, and the big game just as surely, the flowers bloom, the grass grow green, the

DEATHS.

Mrs. Abram Alderfer, widow of Abram Alderfer, died at her home in Upper Providence, Tuesday of last week, aged 75 years. Eight children survive. The funeral was held Saturday. Interment at the Dunkard burying ground, Mingo. As the remains were being lowered into the grave the undertaker in charge, Mr. Derr, felt the ground giving away beneath his feet. Before he could change his position the cave-in threw him partly under the coffin, the end of which fell against the over box. Mr. Derr was released from his unpleasant position as quickly as possible, and the coffin properly placed.

Mrs. Isabella B. Shade, widow of Uriah B. Shade, formerly of Linfield, died Tuesday evening of last week in Norristown. Deceased was stricken with paralysis about two weeks ago. Six children survive. The funeral was held Saturday. Interment was made in the cemetery of St. Luke's Reformed church, Trappe.

FROM OAKS.

Good Friday was a beautiful day—an ideal springtime day. Services in commemoration of the day were held both morning and evening at St. Paul's Memorial.

It was Arbor Day also, which suggests the Governor had a swallow too much or was so wrapped up in the building of the new capital building that he forgot it was Good Friday. The principal of our grammar school held appropriate arbor day services the week before, but nevertheless had school on Good Friday.

Easter came in nice and fair, although there was the accompanying sign at sunrise that it might rain before the day was done, and it did rain—a thunder shower for a change. Dust in the morning, mud in the evening. Nevertheless, it was a nice day; the world turning out in a grand review; Easter bonnets, Easter hats. This review happens but once a year, and this Easter the weather was favorable, and it was no doubt a success.

Rev. J. T. Meyers preached an Easter sermon at Green Tree.

Rev. Mr. Meyers' father has been sojourning in Philadelphia, but is expected home this week.

Dave Williams expects to move this week.

Abraham Reiff visited Allentown on Saturday last.

The newboy is most generally short on sales of Sunday morning papers at Oaks. That's a short way of getting out of it when you are short.

Mrs. David Harvey is a great lover of flowers, and has some very pretty ones in bloom at the present time.

The blue bells, which bloom so luxuriantly at the month of June, the Perkiomen, were rather premature in their blooming, as the flowers were nipped by the cold north wind even if the snowfall did cover them.

The lecture given at the Green Tree church on Tuesday night of last week was well attended and greatly appreciated.

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Hoard's Dairyman

It is not so generally appreciated as it should be that the breeding sow while she is bearing her young needs just the kind of nutrition that the growing pig will require. Sows fed heavily on corn fatten and bring thin, stunted pigs, with very little ability to care for themselves. Such pigs will never do so well as those whose dams were fed milk and wheat bran with some kinds of roots while bearing their young. These will have good digestion, and will grow rapidly, while the stunted pig will never fully recover from the improper nutrition it received before it was farrowed.—*American Cultivator*.

Hens that are being "coached" for egg production should not be "stuffed." Their food being of the proper character, their crops should never be more than moderately full. It is a delusion to suppose that hens will not eat more than is good for them. As in the case of human beings, when tempted by appetizing viands, they will gorge themselves, and thus bring on indigestion, and waste energy in the effort to get rid of the surplus.—*Farm Journal*.

At a recent annual convention of the Fruit Growers' Association Professor Fletcher strongly recommended spraying fruit trees during the winter. The spores of the various fungi rest on the limbs and twigs as well as on the leaves. When the leaves are on the tree it is impossible to get spray on the limbs and twigs. The best time to do this spraying is during the winter. It could be done any time when most convenient, but the best time is toward spring when vitality is returning. If the trees are sprayed during the winter better results will be obtained as the result of spraying after the leaves are out. The expense of supports for peas is a detriment to their cultivation, and for that reason many prefer the dwarf varieties, which, though early, are not as prolific as the taller-growing kinds. It has been suggested that three-inch mesh of woven wire be used in the rows for peas, having the rows run north and south, planting early peas on the east side and later kinds on the west. When the peas are removed set out large pot grown tomato plants. The wire should last for several years.

Wood ashes contain potash in a very available form, but when the farmer purchases them he incurs the risk of paying twice their value, as the actual potash contained varies from 3 to 8 per cent. The weight of ashes depends somewhat upon the humidity of the atmosphere, as they absorb moisture. Dealers in ashes will sometimes request the farmer to place a pinch of them to the tongue, so as to judge them by their caustic effect, but such a method is useless, as even leached ashes, will have a strong caustic taste. The only way to buy ashes is to do so with a guarantee, and samples should be forwarded to the State experiment station for analysis.

Experiment work on the farm may be performed on small plots at a moderate cost. There is no system of education that can equal the work of the farmer himself in experimenting, as soils differ, and work done on one farm may not apply to another. When a farmer begins to experiment he finds out where he made mistakes, and when mistakes can be avoided the greatest difficulties will have been overcome.

The peach will not thrive in low ground, but prefers an elevated situation always; plums prefer a stiff, damp soil to a light one. Therefore, plum stocks are often used for an orchard of peaches where the latter are to be planted on low ground.

A correspondent suggests a novel idea for selecting a calf which is intended for a milk cow. He says: "Never keep a calf with a thick, short, stubby tail or otherwise of an ox-like appearance unless for the feed lot. This is a simple way of ascertaining a desirable piece of information, and the writer wishes some would try it."—*Journal of Agriculture*.

Nut trees as a rule have long tap roots and it has been handed down for years that to cut this tap root when transplanting them meant death to the tree, but experience shows different. If the long tap root is cut many laterals are sent out, and thus a fine strong root system is established, which will make a good tree.—*Rural World*.

The effect of the stock upon the soil is shown in a report recently sent out by the French Academy of Sciences: Two pear trees of the same variety, standing side by side, one grafted on a pear seedling and the other on a quince, bore fruit for

a number of years. That from the pear stock was green, while that from the quince stock was a golden yellow, with a rose blush on the side toward the sun. The latter also weighed a third more per specimen, was more dense in both fruit and juice, and was richer in both acid and sugar.

Clover is at its best as a fertilizer when it has produced its second crop. This is when it has grown two full seasons. If kept beyond this time either weeds or grasses come in, according as the soil is best seeded with these. Whoever keeps a field in clover longer than two years lessens the crop that can be grown after it. On the other hand, a clover ley will rot down the first season after it is plowed, so that it may be sown with clover seed the following spring. An old sod made up from any of the grasses needs to be cultivated two years before it is ready to reseed. Hence the smaller amount of fertility it furnishes is more thoroughly exhausted by three crops on it instead of two as clover allowed before the land is again being reseeded.

The old theory that sap could not flow and top growth take place while the roots of a tree or vine are frozen, was shown to be faulty by an interesting experiment at the Missouri Station. A grape vine growing by the side of a house had its top drawn through a hole into a warm room, and this top leaved out and made several inches growth while the roots were tightly locked in frozen earth. The tops store up in their own branches during the fall the cellular energy for the earliest growth the following spring, while the roots are thawing out, hence the theory that early blooming can be provided by heavily mulching over the roots after a hard freeze, to keep the sun's warmth from thawing the ground, is fallacious. When the sun warms up the tops the sap starts independent of root action, the buds swell, and eventually burst into bloom.—*Hartford Times*.

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